

PART V.

**COMPULSORY MINIMUM
TRAINING STANDARDS
FOR PRIVATE SECURITY
SERVICES BUSINESS
PERSONNEL**

ARTICLE 1. Registration/Certification Category Requirements

6 VAC 20-171-350. Entry level training.

- A. Each person employed by a private security services business or applying to the department for registration as an unarmed security officer, armed security officer/courier, personal protection specialist, armored car personnel, security canine handler, private investigator, alarm respondent, central station dispatcher, electronic security sales representative, electronic security technician, or electronic security technician's assistant as defined by § 9.1-138 of the Code of Virginia, or for certification as a compliance agent as required by § 9.1-139 of the Code of Virginia, who has not met the compulsory minimum training standards prior to July 13, 1994, must meet the compulsory minimum training standards herein established, unless provided for otherwise in accordance with this chapter.
- B. Training will be credited only application for registration or certification is submitted to the department within 12 months of completion of training.
- C. Hour requirement. The compulsory minimum entry level training hour requirement by category, excluding examinations, practical exercises and range qualification, shall be:

- 1. Unarmed security officer -- 18 hours
- 2. Armed security officer/courier -- 40 hours*

*There are 8 hours of Arrest Powers, Policies, Procedures that are included in the Armed Security Officer Training. These 8 hours are mandatory for Armed Security Officers only.

- 3. Armored car personnel -- 26 hours
- 4. Security canine handler -- 30 hours
- 5. Private investigator -- 60 hours
- 6. Personal protection specialist -- 60 hours
- 7. Alarm respondent -- 18 hours
- 8. Central station dispatcher -- 8 hours
- 9. Electronic security sales representative -- 8 hours
- 10. Electronic security technician -- 14 hours
- 11. Electronic security technician's assistant -- 4 hours
- 12. Compliance agent -- 6 hours

- D. Course content. The compulsory minimum entry level training course content by category, excluding examinations, mandated practical exercises and range qualification, shall be as provided in this subsection.

1. Security officer core subjects. The entry level curriculum for unarmed security officer, armed security officer/courier, security canine handler, and alarm respondent sets forth the following areas identified as:

- a. Orientation - 2 hours
 - (1) Virginia Law and Regulations
 - (2) Code of Ethics
 - (3) General Duties and Responsibilities
 - b. Law – 4 hours
 - c. Security patrol, Access Control and Communications – 2 hours
 - d. Documentation – 4 hours
 - e. Emergency Procedures – 4 hours
 - f. Confrontation Management – 2 hour
- Total hours (excluding exam) – 18 hours

2. Armed security officer/courier.

- a. Security officer core subjects – 18 hours
 - b. Entry level handgun training (refer to Article 2 (6 VAC 20-171-365 et seq.) of this part) -- 14 hours includes dry fire, and judgmental shooting and low level light shooting familiarization)
 - c. Arrest Powers, Policies, Procedures – 8 hours
 - d. Entry level shotgun training, if applicable (refer to Article 2 (6 VAC 20-171-365 et seq.) of this part) –2 hours
- Total hours (excluding examinations, shotgun classroom instruction and range qualification) – 40 hours

3. Armored car personnel.

- a. Administration and armored car orientation -- 1 hour
- b. Applicable sections of the Code of Virginia and DCJS regulations -- 1 hour
- c. Armored car procedures -- 10 hours
- d. Written examination

- e. Entry level handgun training (refer to Article 2 (6 VAC 20-171-365 et seq.) of this part) – 14 hours (includes 4 hours of range dry fire and low level lighting)
 - f. Entry level shotgun training, if applicable (refer to Article 2 (6 VAC 20-171-365 et seq.) of this part) – 2 hour
- Total hours (excluding examinations, shotgun classroom instruction and range qualification) – 26 hours

4. Security canine handler.

Complete entry level training requirements pursuant to Article 3 (6 VAC 20-171-430 et seq.) of this part.

5. Private investigator.

- a. Orientation: applicable sections of the Code of Virginia; Administrative Code 6VAC 20-171; standards of professional conduct; and ethics - 6 hours.
 - b. Law: basic law; legal procedures and due process; civil law; criminal law; evidence; and legal privacy requirements - 16 hours plus one practical exercise.
 - c. General Investigative Skills, Tools and Techniques: surveillance; research; and interviewing - 16 hours plus one practical exercise.
 - d. Documentation: Report preparations; photography; audio recording; general communication; and courtroom testimony – 8 hours plus one practical exercise.
 - e. Types of investigations: accident; insurance; background; domestic; undercover; fraud and financial; missing persons and property; and criminal – 14 hours plus one practical exercise.
 - f. Written comprehensive examination.
- Total hours in classroom (excluding written examination and practical exercises) -- 60 hours

6. Personal protection specialist.

- a. Administration and personal protection orientation -- 3 hours
- b. Applicable sections of the Code of Virginia and DCJS regulations -- 1 hour
- c. Assessment of threat and protectee vulnerability -- 8 hours
- d. Legal authority and civil law -- 8 hours
- e. Protective detail operations -- 28 hours

- f. Emergency procedures -- 12 hours
 - (1) CPR
 - (2) Emergency first aid
 - (3) Defensive preparedness
 - g. Performance evaluation -- Five practical exercises
 - h. Written examination
- Total hours (excluding written examination and performance evaluation) -
- 60 hours

7. Alarm respondent.

Security officer core subjects -- 18 hours

8. Electronic security subjects. The entry level electronic security subjects curriculum for central station dispatcher, electronic security sales representative, electronic security technician and electronic security technician's assistant sets forth the following areas identified as:

- a. Administration and orientation to private security -- 1 hour
- b. Applicable sections of the Code of Virginia and DCJS regulations -- 1 hour
- c. Overview of electronic security -- 1 hour
- d. False alarm prevention -- 1 hour
- e. Written examination

Total hours (excluding examination) -- 4 hours

9. Central station dispatcher.

- a. Electronic security subjects -- 4 hours
- b. Central station dispatcher subjects -- 4 hours
 - (1) Duties and responsibilities
 - (2) Communications skills
 - (3) Emergency procedures
- c. Written examination

Total hours (excluding examination) -- 8 hours

10. Electronic security sales representative.

- a. Electronic security subjects -- 4 hours

- b. Electronic security sales representative subjects -- 4 hours
 - (1) Duties and responsibilities
 - (2) System design/components
 - (3) False alarm prevention
 - c. Written examination
- Total hours (excluding examination) -- 8 hours

11. Electronic security technician.

- a. Electronic security subjects -- 4 hours
 - b. Electronic security technician subjects -- 10 hours
 - (1) Duties and responsibilities
 - (2) Electronics
 - (3) Control panels
 - (4) Protection devices and application
 - (5) Test equipment
 - (6) Power and grounding
 - (7) National electrical code
 - (8) Job safety
 - c. Written examination
- Total hours (excluding examination) -- 14 hours

12. Compliance agent.

- a. Industry overview and responsibilities
 - b. Regulations review
 - c. Business practices and ethical standards
 - d. Records requirements and other related issues
 - e. Written examination
- Total hours (excluding written examination) -- 6 hours

6 VAC 20-171-360. In-service training.

- A. Each person registered with the department as an armed security officer/courier, personal protection specialist, armored car personnel, security canine handler, private investigator, alarm respondent, central station dispatcher, electronic security sales representative, electronic security technician, unarmed security officer or electronic security technician's assistant, or certified by the department to act as a compliance agent shall complete the compulsory in-service training standard once during each 24-month period of registration or certification.
 - 1. Compliance agent.
 - a. In-service training must be completed within 12 months immediately preceding the expiration date.
 - b. Individuals who fail to complete in-service training prior to the established expiration date may complete in-service training within 30 days after the expiration date if a completed in-service training enrollment application and a \$25 delinquent training fee is received by the department.
 - 2. Instructor. All private security instructors must complete instructor in-service training within-12-months immediately preceding the individual's expiration date.
- B. Hour requirement. The compulsory minimum in-service training hour requirement by category, excluding examinations, practical exercises and range qualification, shall be as follows:
 - 1. Unarmed security officer--4 hours
 - 2. Armed security officer/courier--4 hours
 - 3. Armored car personnel--4 hours
 - 4. Security canine handler--8 hours
 - 5. Private investigator--8 hours
 - 6. Personal protection specialist--8 hours
 - 7. Alarm respondent--4 hours
 - 8. Central station dispatcher--4 hours
 - 9. Electronic security sales representative--4 hours
 - 10. Electronic security technician--4 hours
 - 11. Electronic security technician's assistant--2 hours
 - 12. Compliance agent--4 hours
 - 13. Firearms Instructor --4 hours
 - 14. General Instructor – 4 hours

C. Course content. The compulsory minimum in-service training course content by category, excluding examinations, practical exercises and range qualification, shall be as follows:

1. Security officer core subjects: Unarmed security officer/armed security officer/courier/alarm respondent
 - a. Legal authority--2 hours
 - b. Job-related training--2 hoursTotal hours--4 hours
2. Armored car personnel
Job-related training--4 hours
Total hours--4 hours
3. Security canine handler (Annual requirement per 6 VAC 20-171-440)
 - a. Basic obedience evaluation and retraining--4 hours
 - b. Job-related training--4 hoursTotal hours--8 hours
4. Private investigator
Job-related training--8 hours
Total hours--8 hours
5. Personal protection specialist
Job-related training--8 hours
Total hours--8 hours
6. Central station dispatcher
Job-related training--4 hours
Total hours--4 hours
7. Electronic security sales representative
Job-related training--4 hours
Total hours--4 hours
8. Electronic security technician
Job-related training--4 hours
Total hours--4 hours
9. Electronic security technician's assistant
Job-related training--2 hours
Total hours--2 hours

10. Compliance agent
 - a. Industry overview and responsibilities
 - b. Regulations review
 - c. Business practices and ethical standards
 - d. Records requirements and other related topicsTotal hours--4 hours
11. General instructor
 - a. Regulations review and legal issues
 - b. Ethical standards
 - c. Records requirements and other related topics
 - d. Techniques of instruction delivery, including practical exercisesTotal hours--4 hours
12. Firearms instructor
 - a. Legal issues
 - b. Techniques of delivery of instruction and other related topicsTotal hours--4 hours

ARTICLE 2. Firearms Training Requirements

6 VAC 20-171-365. General firearms training requirements.

- A. Firearms training endorsement is required for all private security services business personnel who carry or have immediate access to a firearm while on duty. Each person who carries or has immediate access to firearms while on duty shall qualify with each type of action and caliber of firearm to which he has access.

6 VAC 20-171-370. Entry level handgun training.

- A. Handgun classroom training.
1. The entry level handgun classroom training will include but not be limited to the following:
 - a. The proper care and maintenance of the firearm;
 - b. Civil liability of the use of firearms;
 - c. Criminal liability of the use of firearms;
 - d. Firearms retention and storage;
 - e. Deadly force;
 - f. Justifiable deadly force;
 - g. Range safety;
 - h. Principles of marksmanship;
 - i. Practical firearms handling and safety;
 - j. Judgmental shooting; and
 - k. Dim Low level light shooting familiarization

Total Hours (excluding written examination)--14 hours
 2. Written examination required.
- B. Range qualification (no minimum hours). The purpose of the range qualification course is to provide practical firearms training to individuals desiring to become armed private security services business personnel.
1. Prior to the date of range training, it will be the responsibility of the school director to ensure that all students are informed of the proper attire and equipment to be worn for the firing range portion of the training. Equipment needed: handgun, belt with directional draw holster, ammunition (60 rounds)
 2. Factory loaded practice or duty ammunition (60 rounds) may be used for practice or range qualification.

3. Course shall be fired double action, or double single action except for single action semi-automatic handguns.
 4. All qualifications shall be conducted using a B-27 silhouette target or the FBI "Q" target. Alternate targets may be utilized with prior approval by the department.
 5. With prior approval of the department, a reasonable modification of the firearms course may be approved to accommodate qualification on indoor ranges.
 6. A certified firearms instructor must be present on the range directly controlling the fire line during all phases of firearms training. There shall be a minimum of one certified firearms instructor per five shooters on the line.
 7. All individuals shall qualify with directional draw holsters only.
 8. The range qualification of individuals shall be scored as follows:

B27 target: (use indicated K-value) 7, 8, 9, 10 X rings--value 5 points, other hits on silhouette--value 0 points: divide points scored by maximum possible score to obtain decimal and convert to percentage, e.g., $225 \div 300 = .75 = 75\%$.

FBI Q target: all hits inside the bottle – value 5 points; hits outside the bottle – value 0 points.
 9. The low light range familiarization of individuals shall be scored as indicated above. This is strictly a familiarization course with no pass or fail grade provided.
- C. Course: Virginia Private Security Course of Fire for Handguns. The course of fire shall be conducted using, at a minimum, the requirements set forth in subsection B of this section. Strong/weak hand refers to the primary hand used in firing the firearm. The opposite hand may be used for support. The course of fire shall be conducted in the following phases:
1. Phase 1; 3 yards, utilizing weaver, Modified Weaver, or isosceles stance, 18 rounds:
 - a. Load 6 rounds and holster loaded firearm.
 - b. On command, draw and fire 2 rounds (3 seconds), repeat.
 - c. Load 6 rounds and holster loaded firearm.
 - d. On command, draw and fire 6 rounds with strong hand.
 - e. Unload, reload 6 rounds and fire 6 rounds with weak hand (25 seconds).

2. Phase 2; 7 yards, utilizing weaver, Modified Weaver, or isosceles stance, 24 rounds:
 - a. Load 6 rounds and holster loaded firearm.
 - b. On command, draw and fire 1 round (2 seconds), repeat.
 - c. Load 6 rounds and holster loaded firearm.
 - d. On command, draw and fire 2 rounds (3 seconds), repeat.
 - e. Load 6 rounds and holster loaded firearm.
 - f. On command, draw and fire 6 rounds, reload 6 rounds, fire 6 rounds (30 seconds).
 3. Phase 3; 15 yards, 70 seconds, 18 rounds:
 - a. Load 6 rounds and holster loaded firearm.
 - b. On command, assume kneeling position, draw and fire 6 rounds with strong hand.
 - c. Assume standing position, unload, reload and fire 6 rounds from weak-hand barricade position.
 - d. Unload, reload and fire 6 rounds from strong-hand barricade position (Kneeling position may be fired using barricade position.) (70 seconds).
- D. Low Light Course: Virginia Private Security Low Light Familiarization Course of Fire for Handguns. The course of fire shall be conducted using, at a minimum, the requirements set forth in this subsection. Equipment needed: belt with directional draw holster, handgun, two speed loaders or three magazines, range ammunition (30 rounds). Equipment provided by instructor: A range that can simulate low light or a pair of welders goggles for each student that simulates low light. Strong/weak hand refers to the primary hand used in firing the firearm. The opposite hand may be used for support. The course of fire shall be conducted in the following phases:
1. Phase I; 3 yards, utilizing weaver or isosceles stance, 18 rounds:
 - a. Load 6 rounds and come to ready
 - b. On command, fire 2 rounds (3 seconds) repeat
 - c. Load 6 rounds and come to ready
 - d. On command, fire 6 rounds with strong hand
 - e. Unload, reload 6 rounds and fire 6 rounds (30 seconds)
 2. Phase 2; 7 yards, utilizing weaver or isosceles stance, 12 rounds
 - a. Load 6 rounds and come to ready
 - b. On command, fire 2 rounds (5 seconds), and repeat
 - c. Load 6 rounds and come to ready
 - d. On command, draw and fire 3 rounds (6 seconds), and repeat

6 VAC 20-171-380. Entry level shotgun training.

- A. Shotgun classroom training. The entry level shotgun classroom instruction will emphasize but not be limited to:
1. Safe and proper use and handling of the shotgun;
 2. Nomenclature;
 3. Positions and combat loading techniques;
 4. Decision-making for the officer with the shotgun;
 5. Transition from sidearm to shotgun; and
 6. Shotgun retention and proper use of a sling.
- Total hours—2 hours
- B. Range qualification (no minimum hours). The purpose of the range firing course is to provide practical shotgun training to those individuals who carry or have immediate access to a shotgun in the performance of their duties.
1. For certification, 12 gauge, double aught "00" buckshot ammunition shall be used. Five rounds.
 2. Scoring--70% of available pellets must be within silhouette.
- C. Course: Virginia Private Security Course of Fire for Shotguns.
- | | Distance | Position | No. Rounds | Target | Time |
|--------------------|----------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|---------|
| Combat load & fire | 15 Yds. | Standing/ Shoulder | 3 | B-27 Silhouette | 20 sec. |
| Combat load & fire | 25 Yds. | Kneeling/ Shoulder | 2 | B-27 Silhouette | 15 sec. |
- D. A certified firearms instructor must be present on the range directly controlling the firing line during all phases of firearms range training. There shall be a minimum of one certified firearms instructor per five shooters on the line.

6 VAC 20-171-390. Advanced handgun training required for the entry level personal protection specialist who wish to have firearms endorsement and optional for other armed registrants. The entry level handgun training is a prerequisite for taking the advanced handgun training.

A. Advanced handgun classroom training.

1. The advanced handgun training will include but not be limited to:

- a. Proper care of the weapon;
- b. Civil liability of the use of firearms;
- c. Criminal liability of the use of firearms;
- d. Weapons retention;
- e. Deadly force;
- f. Justifiable deadly force;
- g. Range safety;
- h. Practical firearms handling;
- i. Principles of marksmanship; and
- j. Decision-making for the personal protection specialist.

Total hours (excluding written examination)--24 hours

2. Written examination required.

B. Range qualification (no minimum hours). The purpose of this course of fire is to assess and improve the tactical, protection-related shooting skills for personal protection specialist candidates seeking certification to be armed. This course entails five increasingly challenging stages of advanced firearms exercises with a 92% score required for qualification.

1. The advanced handgun course of fire is comprised of the following exercises:

- a. Shoot/don't shoot judgment;
- b. Turn and fire drills;
- c. Failure to stop drills;
- d. Multiple target drills; and
- e. Judgmental shooting.

2. For all range practicals (stage two through stage four):
 - a. The student will fire at a man-size silhouette target with the following requirements:
 - (1) 4" diameter circle in head;
 - (2) 8" diameter circle in chest/body area; and
 - (3) Center points of circles--13½ inches apart.
 - b. All rounds fired must hit within these circles.
 - c. Minimum 92% qualification score = 25 rounds total requiring 23 hits.
With regard to scoring:
 - (1) 25 points (1 round is good for 1 point).
 - (2) 92% of shots must be "in circle" hits for a passing grade (2 misses allowed on total course).
 - (3) Shots not taken during stage five when a "no-shoot" situation is presented scores a point, just as an accurate shot in a hostile situation.
 - (4) 92% is 23 of 25 possible.
3. A certified firearms instructor must be on the range during all phases of advanced handgun training. There shall be no less than one certified firearms instructor per four students.

C. Course: Virginia Private Security Advanced Handgun_Course of Fire

1. Stage One: Shoot/don't shoot drill. Stage one of the advanced handgun course of fire is conducted in a classroom using a 16 mm film or video cassette tape of firearms combat scenarios or in practical exercises on the range to assess the student's decision-making capability given job-related shoot/don't shoot incidents.

After the interaction of the scenario, the students must explain all their commands and actions.

Dry-fire response from a weapon rendered safe should be incorporated into the scenario interaction.
2. Stage Two: Turn-and-fire drill. Stage two of the advanced handgun course of fire is held at a firing range and consists of turn-and-fire drills from varying distances (straight draw hip holsters only).

All handguns are loaded with six rounds of ammunition and safely holstered. Shooters are positioned with their backs to the targets, facing the instructor up-range. The instructor will command all shooters to walk at a normal pace, directly away from the target. Upon the command "fire," the students must quickly turn while acquiring a firm grip on the weapon. Once facing the target and in a stable position, they must safely draw and fire two rounds at the designated target circle.

After shooting, while facing the target, the student must reholster safely, then turn around to face up range, ready to continue the exercise. The "fire" commands will be called at 3-5 yards, 5-7 yards, and then 8-10 yards.

3. Stage Three: Failure to stop drill. Stage three of the advanced handgun course of fire is held at a firing range and consists of failure to stop drills fired from the seven-yard line (straight draw hip holsters only).

All handguns are loaded with six rounds of ammunition and are safely holstered. Shooters are positioned with their backs to the targets, facing the instructor up-range. The instructor will command all shooters to walk at a normal pace, directly away from the target. Upon the command "fire," given at approximately the seven-yard line, each shooter must safely turn around while acquiring a firm grip on their weapon as performed in the previous drill. Once facing the target, the students will draw and fire two rounds at the 8-inch body circle, and then one immediate round to the 4-inch head circle. The student will then safely reholster. The drill will be repeated three times.

4. Stage Four: Multiple target identification drill. Stage four of the advanced handgun course of fire is held at a firing range and consists of multiple target identification drills fired from varying distances (straight draw hip holsters only).

Each shooter will line up on a set of three targets. Only two shooters at one time can complete this exercise on a standard 10-12 station range. However, smaller ranges may allow for only one shooter at a time.

Each handgun is loaded with six rounds of ammunition and safely holstered. The shooters are positioned with their backs to the targets, facing the instructor up-range. The instructor will command all shooters to walk at a normal pace, directly away from the targets. Upon the command "left," "right," or "center," the student must again turn around safely while establishing a firm grip on the weapon. Then, once stable, the student must quickly draw and fire 2 rounds at the designated circle on the "called" target ("L," "R," "C"). Then, the shooter, while still facing the targets, must safely reholster, turn around to face up range, and continue the exercise. Each two-round pair must be fired within four seconds of the called command. Direction commands will be called at 3-5 yards, 5-7 yards, and then 8-10 yards.

5. Stage Five: Judgmental shooting. This drill combines the skills developed in the prior four stages. The shooter will be required to safely turn and fire at a "photograph" type target which may be either friendly or hostile. It requires hostile targets to be stopped using deadly force. Necessity (immediate jeopardy) is presumed for this exercise. This stage allows the instructor to evaluate the decision-making capability of the student as well as his shooting accuracy and safety.

Shooter is placed on the 10-yard line facing the instructor with the target to his rear. The target will be placed at any location along the range target line and should not be seen by the student until he is given the "turn" command during the drill. Each shooter has the opportunity to complete this drill four times. Each decision is worth one point. If he shoots at a hostile target, a hit anywhere on that target will score the point. If a friendly target is presented, it is clearly a no-shoot situation and the student should merely holster safely to score the point. There is a four-second time limit at this stage for any "shoot" situation.

The instructor will allow each shooter two opportunities to complete this drill and place two targets downrange for each. Four points or hits are still necessary at this stage for the total score. If two targets are used, then the time limit is raised to six seconds, regardless of whether two hostile targets are used or one hostile with one friendly.

6 VAC 20-171-400. Firearms (handgun/shotgun) retraining.

A. All armed private security services business personnel must satisfactorily complete two hours of firearms classroom training or practical exercises and range training, and requalify as prescribed in 6VAC20-171-370 for handgun and 6VAC20-171-380 for shotgun, if applicable, on an annual basis prior to the issuance of the Firearms Endorsement, as follows.

1. Classroom retraining or practical exercises--2 hours
2. Range qualification with handgun and/or shotgun, if applicable (no minimum hours)

Total hours (excluding range qualification)--2 hours

6 VAC 20-171-410. Reserved

6 VAC 20-171-420. Advanced handgun retraining.

- A. All armed private security services business personnel registered in the category of personal protection specialist or other armed category seeking advanced handgun designation must satisfactorily complete Advanced Handgun Retraining which includes eight hours of firearms classroom training and range training, and requalify as prescribed in 6VAC20-171-390 B for handgun within the 12-month period immediately preceding the expiration date of his registration as follows:

1. Legal authority and decision making--4 hours
 2. Handgun safety, marksmanship and skill development--4 hours
 3. Completion of advanced handgun course of fire
- Total Hours (excluding range qualification)--8 hours

ARTICLE 3. Security Canine Handler Training Requirements

6 VAC 20-171-430. Entry level security canine handler training.

- A. Prerequisites for security canine handler entry level (official documentation required):
 - 1. Successful completion of the security officer core subjects curriculum--18 hours; and
 - 2. Successful completion of basic obedience training.
 - B. Following successful completion of the above prerequisites, each security canine handler must also comply with the following requirements:
 - 1. Demonstration of proficiency. The student must demonstrate his proficiency in the handling of a security canine to satisfy the minimum standards.--2 hours
 - 2. Evaluation by a certified private security canine handler instructor and basic obedience retraining
 - 3. Security canine handler orientation/legal authority--4 hours
 - 4. Canine patrol techniques--6 hours
 - 5. Written examination
- Total hours (excluding examinations)— 30 hours

6 VAC 20-171-440. Security canine handler retraining.

A. Each security canine handler registrant shall comply annually with the requirement for basic obedience evaluation and retraining (Refer to 6VAC20-171-430).

1. Applicable sections of the Code of Virginia and DCJS regulations – 1 hour
2. Security canine handler basic obedience evaluation and retraining - 4 hours
3. Canine, grooming, feeding, and health care – 1 hour
4. Apprehension techniques – 1 hour
5. Obedience – 1 hour

Total hours—8 hours

ARTICLE 4. Training Exemptions

6 VAC 20-171-445. Training exemptions.

- A. Persons who meet the statutory requirements as set forth in § 9.1-141 of the Code of Virginia may apply for a partial exemption from the compulsory training standards. Individuals requesting such partial exemption shall file an application furnished by the department and include the applicable, nonrefundable application fee. The department may issue such partial exemption on the basis of individual qualifications as supported by required documentation. Those applying for and receiving exemptions must comply with all regulations promulgated by the board. Each person receiving a partial exemption must apply to the department for registration within 12 months from the date of issuance, otherwise the partial exemption shall become null and void.

6 VAC 20-171-450. Entry level training exemption.

- A. Persons previously employed as law-enforcement officers who have not terminated or been terminated from said employment more than five years prior to the application date must submit official documentation of the following with the application for partial exemption:
 - 1. Completion of law-enforcement entry level training; and
 - 2. Five continuous years of law-enforcement employment provided such employment as a law-enforcement officer was not terminated due to misconduct or incompetence.
- B. Persons having previous training or employment in any of the classifications defined in § 9.1-138 of the Code of Virginia must submit official documentation of the following with the application for partial exemption:
 - 1. Completion of previous private security training, which has been approved by the department and which meets or exceeds the compulsory minimum training standards promulgated by the board; or
 - 2. Five years continuous employment in the category for which partial exemption is sought, provided such employment was not terminated due to misconduct or incompetence and such employment ended within five years of the date of application.

6 VAC 20-171-460. In-service training exemption.

- A. Persons who have completed training which meets or exceeds the compulsory minimum training standards promulgated by the board for the in-service training required for the individual's particular category may be authorized credit for such training, provided the training has been completed within 12 months of the expiration date of the registration period during which in-service training is required. Such training must be provided by a third party organization offering services or expertise for the particular training category. Official documentation of the following must accompany the application for in-service training credit:
1. Information regarding the sponsoring organization, including documentation regarding the instructor for each session; and
 2. An outline of the training session material, including the dates, times and specific subject matter.
 3. Proof of attendance and successful completion.

6 VAC 20-171-470. Prior firearms training exemption.

- A. Persons having previous department-approved firearms training may be authorized credit for such training which meets or exceeds the compulsory minimum training standards for private security services business personnel, provided such training has been completed within the 12 months preceding the date of application. Official documentation of the following must accompany the application for partial in-service training credit:
 - 1. Completion of department-approved firearms training; and
 - 2. Qualification at a Virginia criminal justice agency, academy or correctional department.